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- 1. REFTEL B REPORTING STUDENT LEADER SEGUN
 OKEOWO'S RELEASE FROM POLICE CUSTODY IS LAST
 MESSAGE ON AFTERMATH OF STUDENT UNREST. A CABINET
 OFFICE OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED US THAT FMG HAS
 INSTRUCTED THE DEPUTY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR NOT
 TO PURSUE THE CASE AGAINST OKEOWO ON THE THEORY
 THAT IT IS BETTER TO LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE.
 OKEOWO IS STILL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS. THE
 GOVERNMENT ALSO PLANS TO LIFT THE BAN ON NATIONAL
 UNION OF NIGERIAN STUDENTS (NUNS) IN SEPTEMBER
 TO COINCIDE WITH THE RESUMPTION OF THE NEW ACADEMIC
 YEAR.
- 2. ACCORDING TO A MINISTRY OF INFORMATION PRESS RELEASE, THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT SUBMITTED ITS REPORT ON JULY 14 TO COMMODORE V.L. ODUWAIYE, STAFF OFFICER, STATE ADMINISTRATION. ODUWAIYE THANKED THE COMMISSION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD "STUDY IT THOROUGHLY AND MAKE ADEQUATE RECOMMENDATIONS." AS YET NO RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN FORTHCOMING.

3. ON MAY 25, AFTER THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY AND CALLED FOR AN END TO THE STUDENT BOYCOTT, NUNS

HELD A MEETING IN PORT HARCOURT DURING WHICH THE DECISION WAS MADE TO RETURN TO CLASSES. MOST STUDENTS COMPLIED IMMEDIATELY BUT THOSE ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN DELAYED FOR SEVERAL DAYS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY RECEIVED THE PORT HARCOURT INVITATION TOO LATE. THE SPRING SESSION ENDED JULY 18.

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